size of advance/limit. The present rate of interest are as follows:

Size of credit limit	Rate of interest(%)
(i) Upto and inclusive of Rs. 25,000/-	12.0
(ii) Over Rs. 25,000/- & upto Rs. 2 lakhs	13.5
(iii) Over Rs. 2 lakhs	Free

Regional Rural Banks are free to determine their lending rates. Cooperative Banks are also free to determine their lending rates subject to a minimum of 12.0%

The level of agricultural production depends, *inter-alia*, on the climatic conditions, preferred cropping pattern, expectation of prices, and use of inputs including credit. Variations in agricultural output cannot, therefore, be solely explained in terms of variations in the use of credit.

The resources of the banking system for lending to agriculture, appropriately augmented by refinance from National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), are considered adequate to meet the effective demand of credit from the agricultural sector.

NABARD has reported that the ground level credit flow to agricultural sector has shown a steady growth. From the level of Rs. 11,202 crores in 1991-92, the ground level credit flow under agricultural sector has reached Rs. 16,949 crores at the end of 1993-94. The estimated ground level credit flow to agricultural sector during 1994-95 and 1995-96 is Rs. 21,424 crores and Rs. 24,849 crores respectively (Revised Estimates). The ground level credit for agricultural sector during 1996-97 is projected to be Rs. 28,817 crores.

In order to give a greater focus to agricultural lending by public sector banks (PSBs) they have been asked to draw up Special Agricultural Credit Plans (SACPs) by the RBI. The disbursements of public sector banks under SACPs were Rs. 8,255 crores and Rs. 10,172 crores respectively for the years 1994-95 and 1995-96.

While reviewing the performance of banks under 1995-96, the Governor urged the Chief Executives of PSBs to show a growth of a minimum of 25% in their disbursements to agriculture under SACPs 1996-97 over those of 1995-96.

Termination of Indian Airlines contract with Private Public Relations Agency

382. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines has terminated its contract with a Delhi based Private Public Relations Agency before the expiry of the contract;

(b) whether it is also a fact that only a few years back a PR contract of Air India had met a similar fate;

(c) whether there was a lot of opposition to the award of the I.A.'s contract in aviation circles; and

(d) the reasons for pre-mature termination and the compensation claim, if any, preferred by the company and decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No specific complaint was received in this regard.

(d) Air India and Indian Airlines terminated the contracts due to the poor performance of the concerned agencies. No compensation claim has been preferred by the companies.